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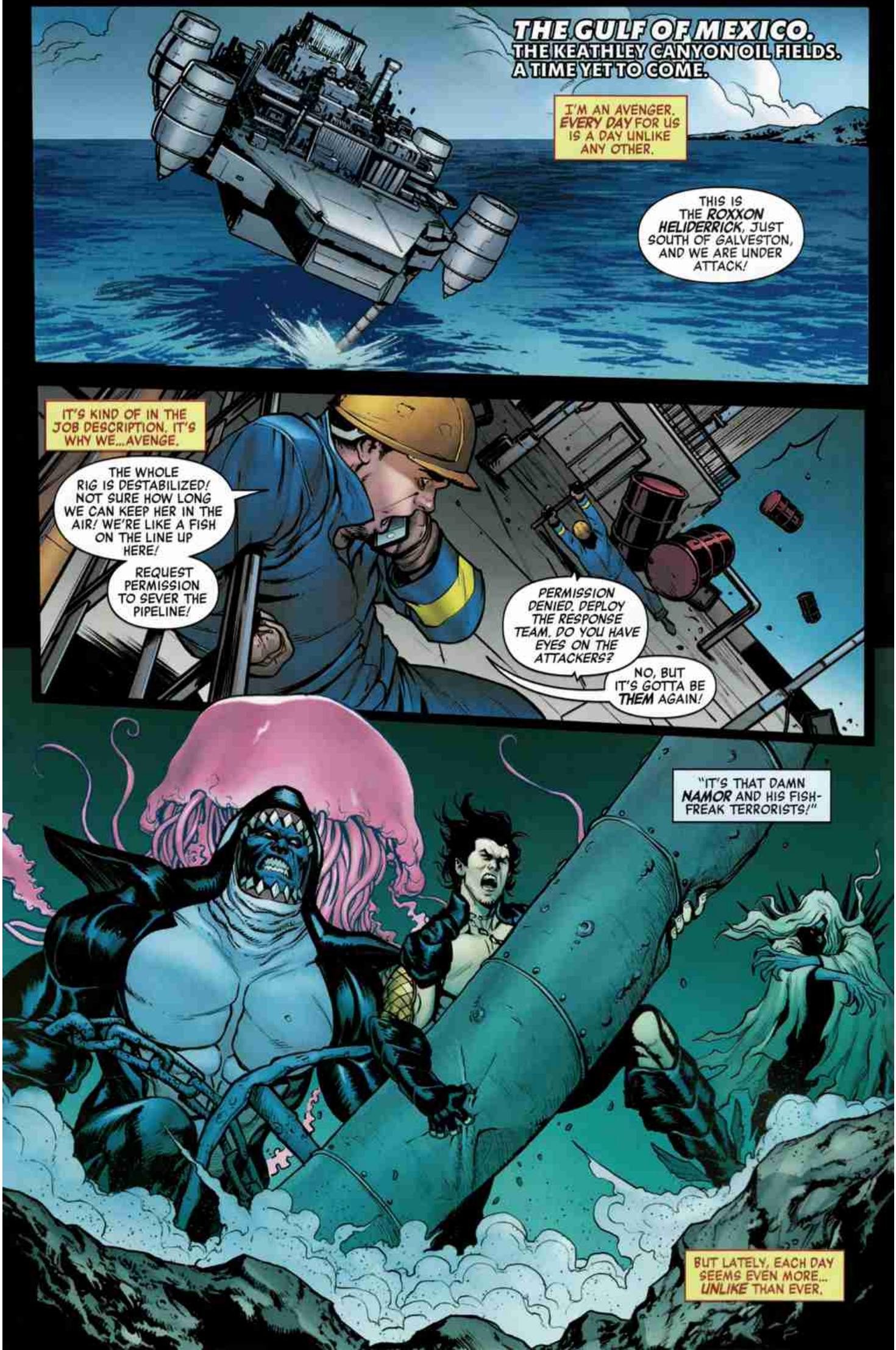
I'M NOT USED TO NOT KNOWING THINGS. IT'S KINDA MY SUPER-POWER, KNOWING ALL THE THINGS.
WHAT THE HELL...?
SOMEWHERE. SOMETIME.
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT JUST HAPPENED. NO IDEA WHERE I EVEN AM RIGHT NOW.
UNKNOWN ENERGY DISCHARGE DETECTED.
YA THINK? WHERE'D THE DIG SITE GO? WHERE'D EVERYTHING GO?
SCANNING FOR AVAILABLE NETWORKS.
SCANNING.
NO SATELLITES FOUND.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'M IRON MAN, I HAVE WI-FI WHEN I GO TO THE MOON. HOW...
OH. OKAY, I GET IT NOW.
AH, CRAP. PLEASE TELL ME THIS IS THE SAVAGE LAND.
THIS ISN'T THE SAVAGE LAND. WHICH MEANS I'M NOT JUST MY USUAL SELF--TONY STARK, SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH.
IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT (AND WHO ARE WE KIDDING, MY GUESSES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT)...
...I JUST BECAME THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH.


THE GULF OF MEXICO.
THE KEATHLEY CANYON OIL FIELDS.
A TIME YET TO COME.
I'M AN AVENGER. EVERY DAY FOR US IS A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER.
THIS IS THE ROXXON HELIDERRICK, JUST SOUTH OF GALVESTON, AND WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!
IT'S KIND OF IN THE JOB DESCRIPTION. IT'S WHY WE...AVENGE.
THE WHOLE RIG IS DESTABILIZED! NOT SURE HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP HER IN THE AIR! WE'RE LIKE A FISH ON THE LINE UP HERE!
REQUEST PERMISSION TO SEVER THE PIPELINE!
PERMISSION DENIED. DEPLOY THE RESPONSE TEAM. DO YOU HAVE EYES ON THE ATTACKERS?
NO, BUT IT'S GOTTA BE THEM AGAIN!
"IT'S THAT DAMN NAMOR AND HIS FISH-FREAK TERRORISTS!"
BUT LATELY, EACH DAY SEEMS EVEN MORE... UNLIKE THAN EVER.

IT ALL STARTED WITH AN INVASION BY 2,000-FOOT-TALL KILLER SPACE GODS. THE FINAL HOST. THAT'S WHAT GOT US ALL "AVENGERS ASSEMBLING" AGAIN.
RESPONSE TEAM IN THE AIR. DEPTH CHARGES PRIMED. ALL RIGHT, BOYS, LET'S GO FISHING.
YOU CRAVE YOUR WRETCHED OIL ENOUGH TO BLACKEN OUR ENTIRE OCEAN? THEN COME DRINK YOUR FILL, BUTCHERS OF ROXXON!
MOST RECENTLY, IT WAS THE WAR OF THE REN-FESTS. A BIG THOR THING THAT BECAME AN "ALL OF US" THING. GOD, MOST OF MY SUITS STILL SMELL LIKE ELVES.
AND THAT'S NOT EVEN MENTIONING THE CRAZY FISH-PEOPLE AND THE NEW KINGDOM OF THE VAMPIRES AND, HEY, THE RUSSIANS ARE TOTALLY A THING AGAIN.
GAAAGH!!! LOOK OUT!
AAAAARRRGH!!!
IN OTHER WORDS, THE EARTH HAS BEEN THROUGH HELL LATELY.
ORKA, GO DOWN AND SEAL THE BREACH. BLOODTIDE, USE YOUR MAGIC TO CONTAIN THE SPILL. MANOWAR...
SPEAK FOR THE SEA.
IT NEEDS ITS MIGHTIEST HEROES NOW MORE THAN EVER.

RIGHT NOW, I'M JUST NOT SURE THE EARTH COULD AGREE...
GAGGH! THE WHOLE RIG'S IN FLAMES! WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE! TELL ME THE BIG GUNS ARE COMING!
...ON WHO THOSE HEROES ARE.
TELL ME SOMEBODY CALLED THE SQUADRON SUPREME OF AMERICA!

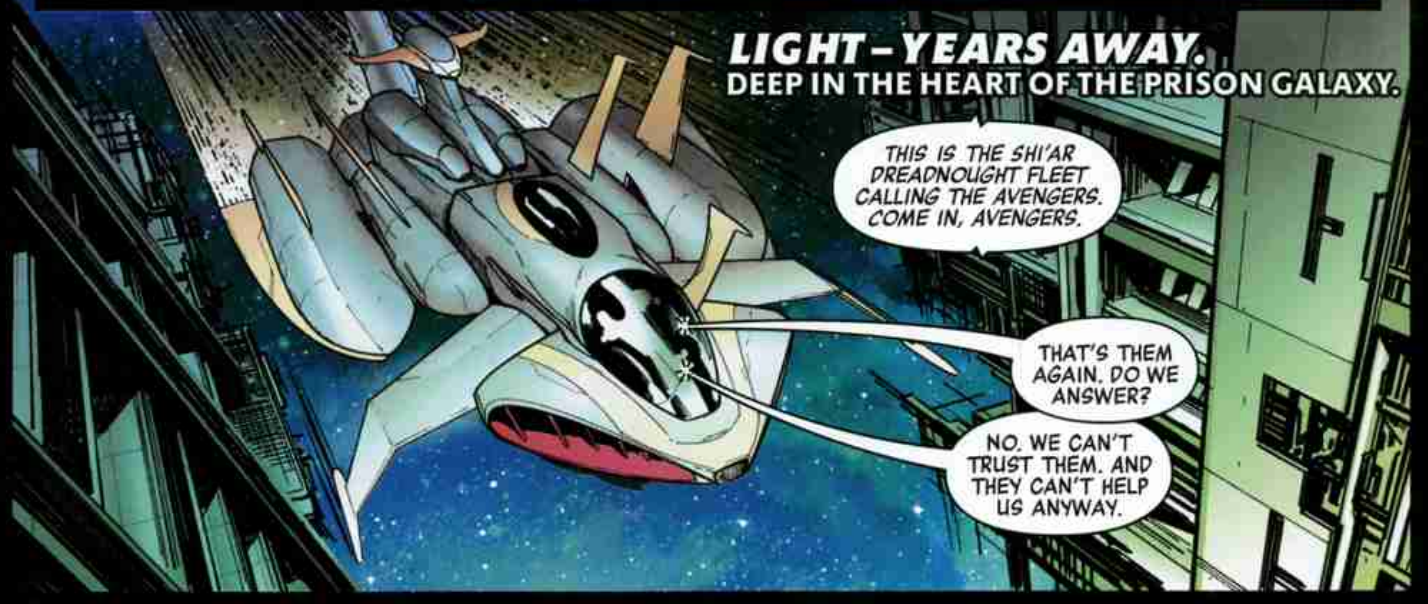
LOOK, I'VE NEVER CONSIDERED MYSELF AN ENEMY OF D.C. THERE'VE BEEN TIMES YOU COULD EVEN SAY I WAS A BIG FAN.
AGENT COULSON TO THE SQUADRON. WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
AWESOME. A BIT HUNGRY. HOW ARE YOU?
NO MATTER THE REGIME, THEY'VE ALWAYS HAD PEOPLE THERE WHO DO GREAT WORK. IT'S IN ALL OF OUR BEST INTERESTS THAT THEY DO GREAT WORK.
BUT IT'S ALWAYS SEEMED TO ME THEY SPEND TOO MUCH TIME WORRIED ABOUT US, AND ANNOYED WE SPEND SO LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THEM.
NEGATIVE, NIGHTHAWK. JUST PUSH THEM OUT OF AMERICAN WATERS. AND THEN THEY'RE NOT OUR PROBLEM.
THIS WILL JUST KEEP HAPPENING UNTIL WE DEAL WITH ATLANTIS DIRECTLY. I HAVE SCUBA GEAR IN MY BELT. GIVE ME FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THERE'LL BE NO MORE ATLANTIS.
HA! YOU DIDN'T SAY THEY HAD TO STAY IN ONE PIECE!
AND NOW THEY THINK THEY CAN DO US BETTER THAN WE CAN WITH THIS SHINY NEW SQUADRON SUPREME OF AMERICA.
BUT WE ALL KNOW, EVEN THOSE GOOD PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C., THAT WHEN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD NEEDS SAVING, AND RIGHT NOW IT MOST ASSUREDLY DOES...
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!
FOR THE SEA! IMPERIUS REX!
...NOBODY BUT US WILL DO.
SO HATE US ALL YOU LIKE. BUT DEEP DOWN, YOU DAMN WELL KNOW YOU WANNA BE US.
YOU WANNA SCREAM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT...

MAKE MINE AVENGERS!
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.
THE NORTH POLE.
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING, RIGHT?
THIS IS TOO WEIRD TO BE HAPPENING.
SAYS THE GHOST RIDER TO THE VAMPIRE.
BUT WHAT DO WE DO? HOW DO WE FIGHT THIS?
THAT'S NOT TO SAY WE ALWAYS KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING AROUND HERE. EVEN WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE WE DO, WE PROBABLY MADE IT UP ON THE FLY. WE'RE GOOD AT THAT.
AT THIS POINT, I FEAR THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION, ROBBIE REYES.
WE MUST PERFORM AN EXORCISM ON YOUR CAR.
IT JUST MEANS THINGS GET WEIRD SOMETIMES. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT OL' TONY STARK ALWAYS SAYS...

IF IT AIN'T WEIRD, YOU AIN'T TRYING.
THIS WAS A TERRIBLE IDEA.
SHI'AR-CONTROLLED SPACE.

WE NEVER SHOULD'VE SENT THE EARTHERS. WE'LL NEVER SEE OUR MAJESTOR AGAIN, WILL WE?
SHARRA AND K'YTHRI SAVE US, THIS WILL BE THE END OF THE SHI'AR IMPERIUM.
LOOK, IF THERE'S ONE THING I'VE LEARNED IN ALL MY FURLOUGHS TO PLANET SIN...

RAVENSTARR MAXIMUM-SECRUITY PRISON GALAXY. NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT SHI'AR AUTHORIZATION.
...IT'S THAT YOU NEVER BET AGAINST EARTHERS WHEN IT COMES TO SURVIVING. THEY'RE RIDICULOUSLY GOOD AT IT.
KEEP TRYING TO RAISE THEM.


LIGHT-YEARS AWAY.
DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE PRISON GALAXY.
THIS IS THE SHI'AR DREADNOUGHT FLEET CALLING THE AVENGERS. COME IN, AVENGERS.
THAT'S THEM AGAIN. DO WE ANSWER?
NO. WE CAN'T TRUST THEM. AND THEY CAN'T HELP US ANYWAY.

WE'RE ON OUR OWN OUT HERE, AVENGERS. AND NO LESS THAN THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE IS AT STAKE.
ALL WILL BE BROOD. ALL WILL SERVE THE BROOD QUEEN.
KEEP IT TOGETHER, THOR.
CAROL, SET COURSE FOR THE TARGET WORLD.
WE'RE TRAPPED INSIDE A PRISON THE SIZE OF THE MILKY WAY. WHICH WORLD DO YOU MEAN, CAPTAIN CORSAIR?
I THINK YOU KNOW EXACTLY THE ONE I MEAN.
THE ONE WITH THE GIANT STARBRAND BURNED INTO IT.
I'M AN INVENTOR. A FORWARD THINKER. A SUPER-RICH ONE. WHICH MEANS I DEFINITELY KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS.

THE SAME THING AS THE PAST.
NO NO NO, WE'RE NOT DOING THIS. LA LA LA, I'M NOT LISTENING TO YOUR MONSTROUS ROARS! THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT REAL!
PEOPLE WILL TRY TO KILL US. SOMETIMES THEY MIGHT SUCCEED. BUT THE DREAM WE FIGHT FOR WILL NEVER DIE.
BECAUSE IF YOU WERE REAL, THAT WOULD MEAN THAT DOOHICKEY WE DUG UP AFTER THE WAR OF THE REALMS HAD MADE ME TIME-TRAVEL, AND I HATE TIME TRAVEL, WITH A CAPITAL HRRRRGGH!
I'M IRON MAN. I FIGHT COOL KILLER ROBOTS AND CRAZY SCIENTISTS WITH CRACKLY WHIPS, NOT DELETED SCENES FROM THE LAND BEFORE TIME...
THAT'S PEACE, I THINK? PRETTY SURE THE DREAM STARTED OUT AS PEACE. MAYBE IT'S JUST SURVIVAL NOW. THE BAR'S DEFINITELY BEEN LOWERED OVER TIME.
HEY! I KNOW THAT HAMMER! THOR, HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE KEEP FIGHTING. AND THEN EVENTUALLY WE FIGURE IT ALL OUT AND EVERYBODY'S HAPPY.
PROBABLY. MAYBE. YOU KNOW HOW THESE THINGS GO. SOME FIGHTS NEVER REALLY END, DO THEY?
THOR? WHAT IS A THOR?
OH BOY.

SOME HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
MAYBE SOMEDAY THE AVENGERS' FIGHT WILL END. BUT HELL...
...WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?
YOU STAND BEFORE ODIN AND THE MIGHTIEST HEROES OF MIDGARD!
REVEAL THYSELF, KNIGHT, AND EXPLAIN THY STRANGE APPEARANCE! OR IF 'TIS BATTLE YOU SEEK, THEN BATTLE YOU SHALL HAVE!
OF A MIGHTY MANNER YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY IMAGINE!
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO SAY IT?
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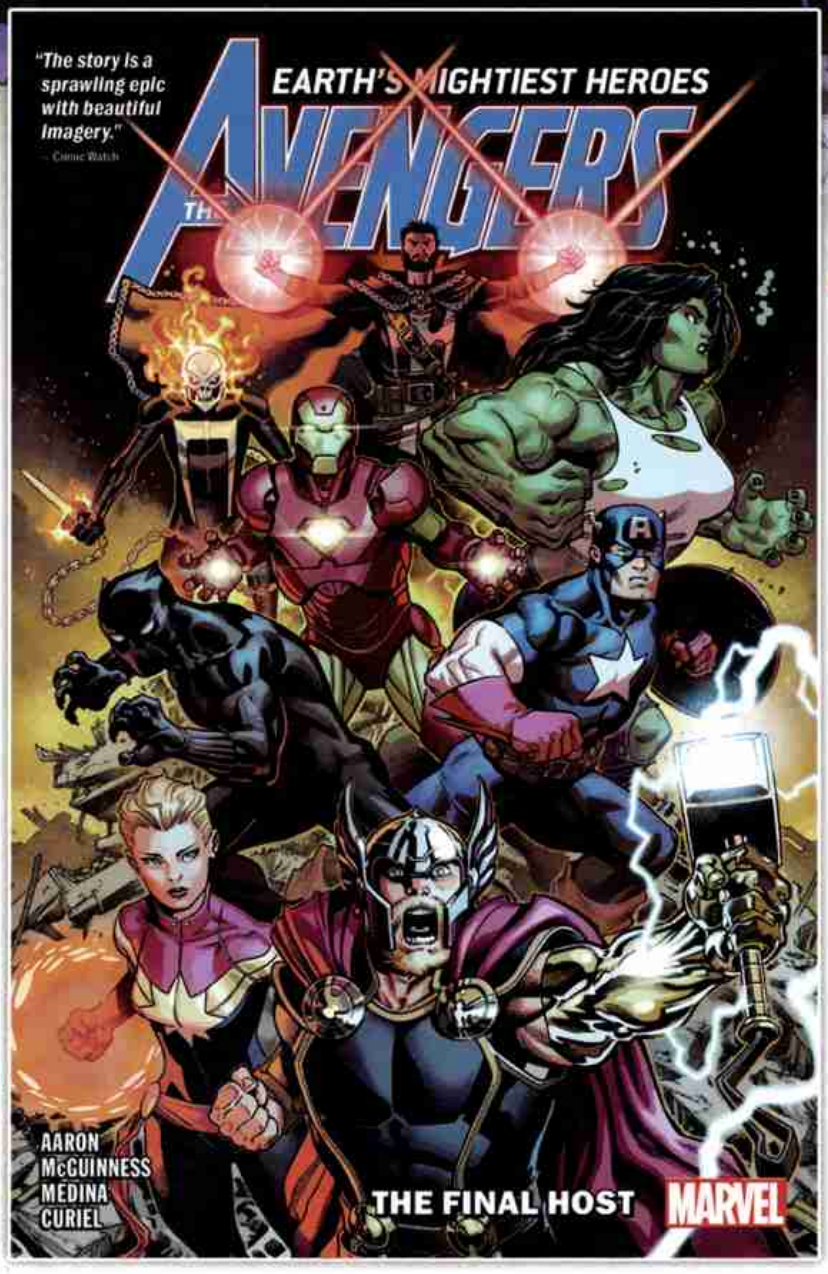

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN OLD MADRIPOOR...
SAVIANO SINGS!
THIS IS ANOTHER ONE I OWE YOU, SAVIANO.
IT IS, BUT I EXPECT I'LL CASH IN ONE DAY.
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS.
THEY'RE PERSONA NON GRATA THANKS TO THE SITUATION IN GENOSHA.
WHAT GOOD IS FLYING IN PRIVATE JETS...
...IF YOU CAN'T SHARE THEM WITH FRIENDS?
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO ITALY?
I DON'T GOT A LOT OF FRIENDS.

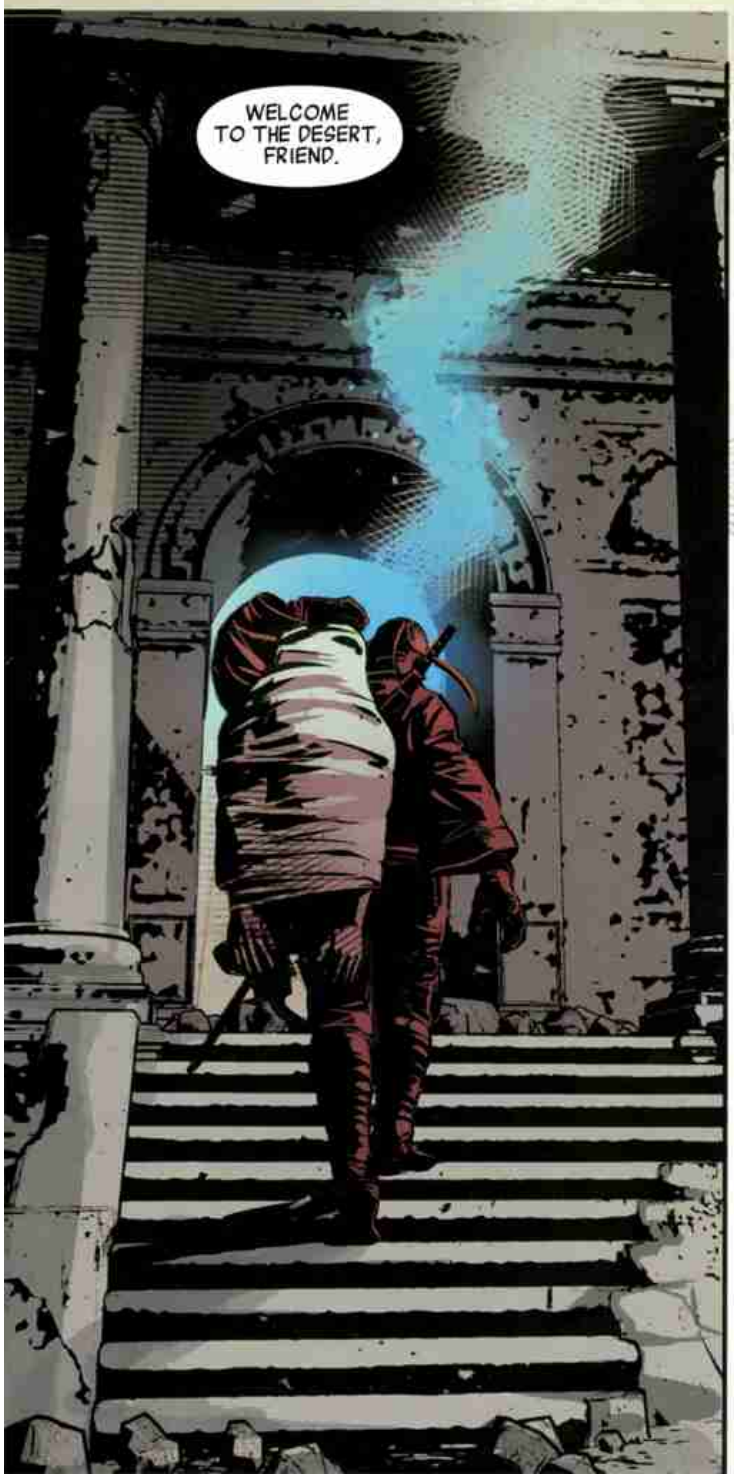
SO WHEN I HEAR THAT SAVIANO WENT MISSING AFTER A SHOW IN VIENNA, I'M THERE BEFORE DAWN.
HE WAS MY *FRIEND*, AND HE USED HIS PRICEY TRAVEL DEMANDS TO MOVE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OUTTA HARM'S WAY FOR YEARS.
MY MEMORY'S NOT SO HOT THESE DAYS, BUT THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU FORGET.
I TOLD MYSELF MAYBE HIS ABDUCTION WAS JUST THE KIND OF RANSOM SITUATION THAT A NORMAL RICH GUY HAS TO CONTEND WITH...
...BUT THE SCENT AT THE CRIME SCENE TELLS ME ANOTHER STORY.

I NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND YOU AT ONE OF MY CALLS.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO WITH SAVIANO'S DISAPPEARANCE, WOLVERINE?
EVERYTHING.
HE WAS GRABBED 'CAUSE OF ME.
THE SCENT IN HIS CAR TELLS ME EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW.
WHO TOOK HIM?
YOU'D LAUGH IF I TOLD YOU--
SNIKT
--AND RIGHT NOW I NEED YOU SCARED, DETECTIVE.

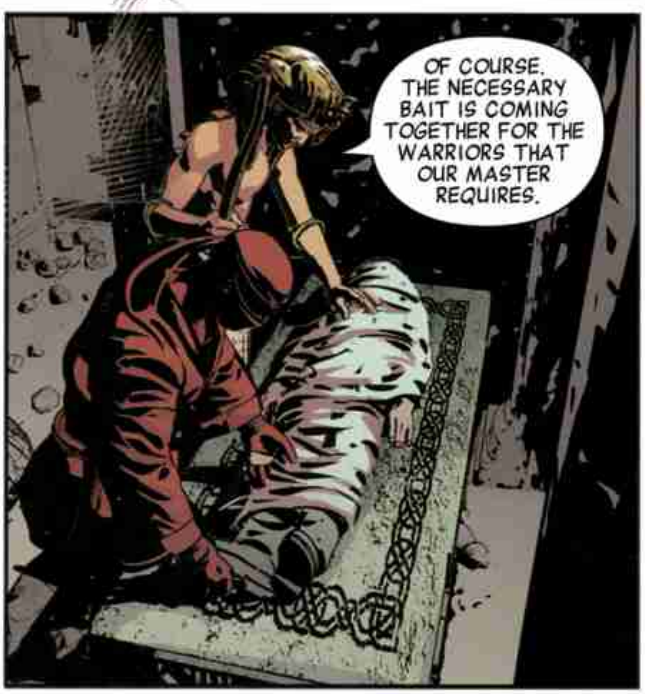
NOW RUN.
SNIKT

SLKK
HNNG.
THE HAND'S GOT MY ATTENTION-- NOW TELL ME WHY.
DRINK THIS. IT WILL TAKE YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO GO. YOUR FRIEND AWAITS YOU.
YOUR PAJAMAS ARE COVERED IN POLLEN THAT I'VE ONLY SMELLED IN ONE PLACE-- THE SAVAGE LAND.
I'LL MAKE MY OWN WAY THERE...

"...AND HELL'S GONNA TAKE WHOEVER I FIND."
CAIRO.


WELCOME TO THE DESERT, FRIEND.

I SEE YOU HAVE BEEN ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HUNT-- BUT WHY COME HERE?
MY MASTER THOUGHT YOU SHOULD SEE THIS ONE BEFORE IT'S GIVEN TO THE SACRIFICE.
HE ALSO WANTS AN UPDATE ON *OTHER* TRAPS.


OF COURSE. THE NECESSARY BAIT IS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE WARRIORS THAT OUR MASTER REQUIRES.

THE CHASTE PRIEST IS TO BE THE TRAP FOR HIS FINEST STUDENT, THE HORNED WARRIOR.

"AND THE THIRD EYE OF AGAMOTTO HAS FINALLY BEEN FOUND.

"THEY WILL MARCH TO THEIR SLAUGHTER.

"WE HAVE GIVEN THEM NO CHOICE."

NOW, WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE CHASTE WARRIOR THAT YOU DID NOT TAKE HIM DIRECTLY TO THE CITY OF SICKLES IN THE SAVAGE LAND?
I TOLDJA THE HAND WAS WORKING WITH SOME NEW #$@%&%.
YOU FOOL-- STICK IS ALIVE!
WE KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP, BUT NOT WHERE, SO THANK YOU.
AND STICK'S BEST STUDENT IS NOT MURDOCK.

WHIKK

THANKS FOR THE TIP, STICK.

GOOD HUNTING, ELEKTRA.
Y'KNOW, IT'D BE A MISTAKE NOT TO CONSIDER THAT THE HAND MANIPULATED EVENTS SO YOU'D LEARN ABOUT THIS FROM ME.

WAY AHEAD OF YOU.
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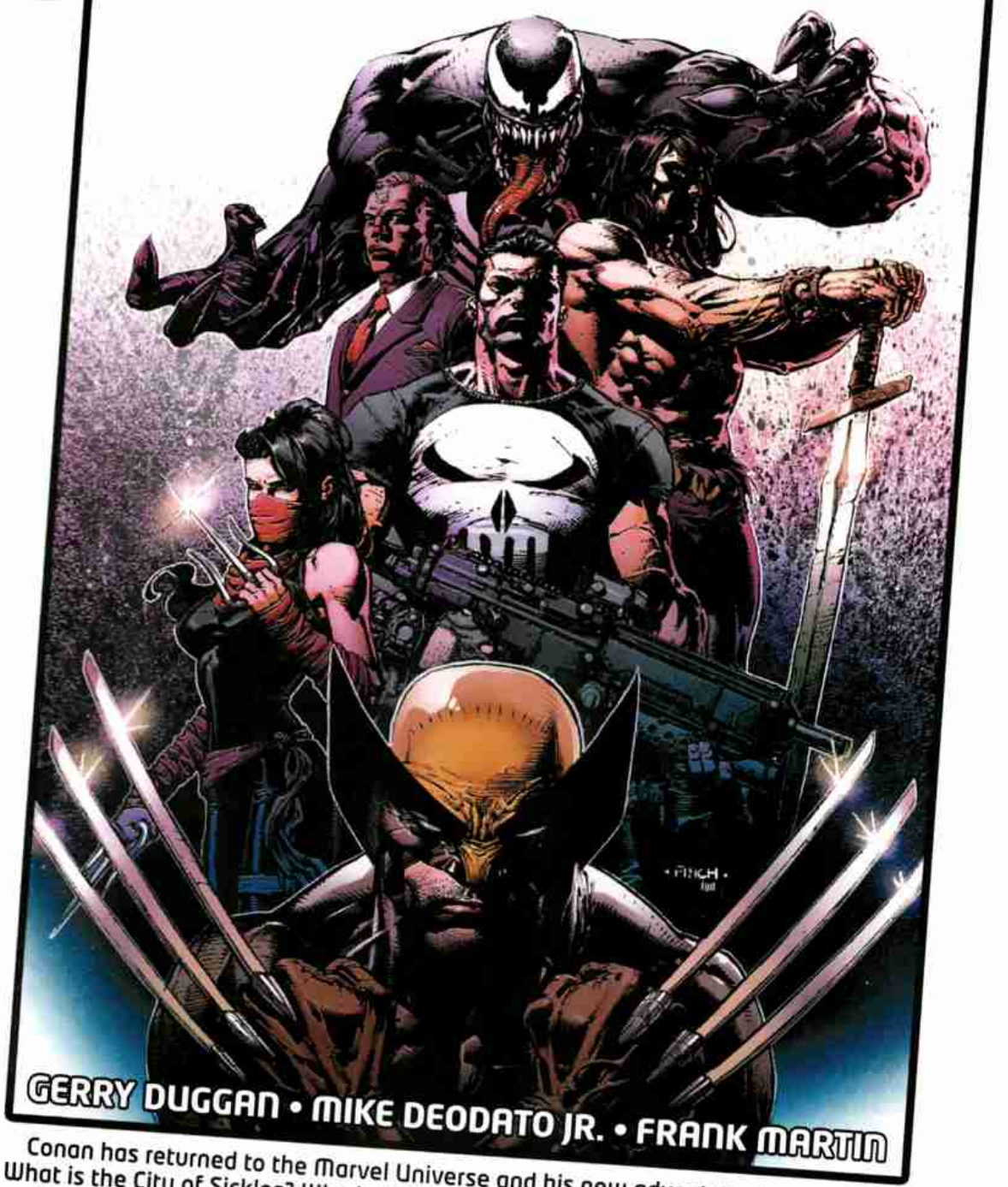

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